

Message from the Chairman

By the time you read this I will be on an adventure. I am going to do some volunteer work in Thailand and Cambodia with a visit to Laos as well. I will be working in an elephant sanctuary for a week in Thailand and teaching English in a school in Cambodia. As I type this I am surrounded by lists and advice on travelling in Asia; things to take, things to leave behind, the customs of the countries, how to dress, how to greet people, what is considered bad manners, what is expected. So, whilst everyone else is getting caught up in the preparations for Christmas I will be doing something very different.

The down side to all this is that I get back on the 8th December and will then have to get my head into festivities mode, no doubt that will involve more lists, presents, food, cards, events. Unfortunately, I will miss our Christmas meeting that has been planned a little different this year with food and entertainment provided. John Hill, is kindly standing in to lead that meeting. For those of you that are going to the Christmas meal at the Hilton Hotel I will see you there.

Hope everyone has a very safe, happy and healthy festive season. Best wishes, Chris.



Art appreciation There is an art exhibition being held at Eastwood Library from 10th November to 15th December by local artists who are all members of Eastwood & District U3A. The five exhibiting artists are; Pam Charity, Tricia Dilley, Audrey Measures, Christine Millington and David Willey. There are over 40 exhibits covering a wide range of subjects and media. This is well worth a visit.

David Willey

Social Dance: Tickets will be on sale at the December and January monthly meeting, or alternatively telephone Janet on 07961832864, or Andrea on 07927660408. Limited availability.



Disco Dance

Music of the 60s/70s/80s

Greasley Miners Welfare

Saturday 2nd February 2019

7:30 till late

Tickets £5.00

December Monthly meeting: -

Refreshments Rota: John Baker, Mary Brown, Ivan Brown, Nina Moore

Meet & Greeters Rota: Frank Dorkes, Celia Dorkes, Phillip Goold

Set up/Clear away Rota: - Geoff Gration, Peter Hayden, Robert Leam.

Signing in: - Ann George, Helen Baker

P.A. Team: - Ray Dring, Roger Bacon, Colin McGillivray, Kevin Rockley, Frank Queripel, Terry Marriott.

Our U3A group's Christmas meal will take place on
Thursday 13th December
at The DoubleTree by Hilton. (Gateway Hotel)
Cinderhill
Time 12 for a 12.30 pm start.

Dates for the Diary: Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the Month at St. Mary's Church, Church Street, Eastwood.

Wed Dec 5th at 10 am

Christmas celebration with entertainment by Ian Morton.

All refreshments will be provided this year.

Wed Jan 2nd at 10 am

Pat Hall - funny anecdotes and experiences.

Wed Feb 6th at 10 am

Barbara Daykin OBE from Morley





Featured New Interest Groups

The newsletter will only feature details of new groups and items of news about activities. Latest up-to-date information at: www.eastwoodu3a.org

New Directory A new directory has been published. If you have access to the Internet it can be found on the Eastwood U3A website but if anyone would also like a Directory printed out for them please email newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org or leave a comment on the website. *Margaret Naylor* If you have ideas for new groups, or need further info contact Derrick Hart 01773 717398 or 07840543487.

groups.coordinator@eastwoodu3a.org

Group News

5 mile Walkers: next walk Tues 4th Dec meet 10.00 am top right hand corner Morrisons' car park then on to Beauvale Priory. January walk will not be the 1st but the 8th Jan 2019. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

Micro Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet 13th Dec – The Organ Grinder, Canning Circus. 27th Dec – Dog and Parrot, Eastwood Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Coffee Mates: is now full. Next meet 19th Dec at Andrea's, every one to bring a plate of food - we're going to have a party! Contact Andrea for more info 0115 938 2299

Bird Watching: Meet Thurs 20th December – Brinsley Headstocks The contacts for the group are Chris and Paul Millington on 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471.

Coffee & Co: is now full. Next meet at Pauline's pantry on 28th Nov at 12 noon for Christmas lunch, then in 2019. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

National Trust: Next meet 3rd Dec at 10.00 am at the Dog & Parrot, please note week early. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Hidden Gems: Spaces for new members. Next meet – Thurs 29th Nov for a get together and planning meeting. Contact Linda Rothwell on 07712277962 or email lindarothwell@hotmail.com

City Treasures: Meet Wed Jan 9th tour to be arranged. Fri Jan 25th meeting 11-00am Sun Inn Eastwood. Fri Jan 25th New Year Meal 12-00 am Sun Inn, Eastwood. Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

Social Outings.

We have a few ideas for next year, a trip to York, Whitby, Ladies Day at Southwell races, a trip to Stratford and possibly Lincoln Xmas Market. Places and dates to be confirmed in the New Year.

Steve and Pauline



Creative writing group

'Why did you join the Creative Writing Group?' - To exercise the mind; see things from a different perspective; find motivation to begin or return to writing; or just, simply, the love of words.

'What do you get out of it?' – Encouragement; growth of confidence; enjoyment of the English language; emotional connectivity to writing; technical development through constructive critiquing from group members; and just being part of a supportive group.

'What have you most enjoyed?' – We have covered many and varied subjects, including development of characters; conversations between couples; moving a story forward; 'showing, not telling'; and discovering different forms of poetry. Some found aspects to enjoy; while others found them challenging. We also find time for a general discussion of books, films, television programmes and theatre we have (or have not) enjoyed. For further information contact Chris Niven. *Ann McGillivray*



1948ers lunch. Eleven members enjoyed a meal at the Dog & Quayle in Underwood to celebrate their 70th birthdays. They discussed being born at the beginning of the NHS, first days at school, growing up in the 50s, first jobs and apprenticeships and family life. All had a good time. Watch this space for a U3A 1948ers Group. *Ann, Roger and Margaret.*

Singin' for Fun continues to go with a swing with many old favourites from the 60s & 70s sung by members with great gusto!! We would love you to join us for our Christmas Special at Greasley Miners Welfare (upstairs) 7.30pm on Friday 14th December. As they say: 'Be there or be square'!
Karen Rea



Newsletter & Publicity 2019

We are looking for someone to take on this role for 2019 when my term on the committee ends. If you might be interested please email or talk to me at the monthly meeting. There is plenty of time for training to be given in readiness to take over! *Caroline Winfield*

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 17th December, 2018. Contact Caroline Winfield: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org

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